

REMARKS

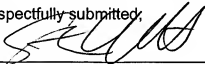
Claims 1-22 were pending in the application at the time the present Office Action was mailed. Claims 1 and 12 have been cancelled, and claims 2, 6, 7, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 2-11 and 13-22 are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 1-22 were rejected in the present Office Action. The undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Jackson for engaging in a telephone conference on February 15, 2006, to discuss the present Office Action. During the course of the telephone conference, the parties discussed a number of proposed amendments to the pending claims to further distinguish the claims over the applied references. At that time, the Examiner acknowledged that all of the pending claims would distinguish over the applied references if amended as set forth herein. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendments.

Please charge any deficiency in fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 567398002US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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